

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF      Art Unit: 1654  
Ahlheim, Markus et al.      Examiner: Gudibande, S  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP2004/012870  
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U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/579186  
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FOR: Microparticles Comprising Somatostatin Analogues

Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

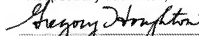
Sir:

The Office Action of June 9, 2009 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 9, 2009. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1110 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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